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Subject: RE: EPA determinations requested

Hi Justin,

Helga forwarded your question to me. You are correct in guessing that an "EPA determination" is a term of art. However, the process may be a bit more involved than you were expecting. Unfortunately, it is not as simple as completing a form. To figure out your next steps it may help to understand your process a little. Also, it depends on how "formal" of a response BAAQMD is looking for. We sometimes provide informal guidance by email, but official "EPA determinations" are usually made by letter and go through review here in the Regional Office and at our headquarters offices (i.e. it takes more time).

It sounds like you may be operating a pyrolysis process? We could setup a time to discuss so I can make sure I understand what you are doing. Unfortunately, I'm pretty busy this week. But, a call Monday or Tuesday next week would work.

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Subject: EPA determinations requested

Hello Helga,

Thank you kindly for the call back—your alacrity is outmatched only by your professionalism. I have reproduced the two EPA determination requests from the BAAQMD below. Additionally, I have attached three documents which should give you a brief overview of how our machinery works. (Note that our technology is undergoing a shift from the "PP20" to "PP30" generations but they are fundamentally very similar.) My sense is that it should be obvious that our units are not problematic from the EPA's perspective but I look forward to getting a documented answer from your agency.

If a flame is present within the pyrolysis chamber, please obtain a determination from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), identifying whether S-1 is an incinerator and subject to a New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) or National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP).

and

Please obtain a determination from the EPA, identifying whether S-2 is a landfill gas engine and subject to the requirements of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart JJJJ.

Is an "EPA determination" a term of art? That is, e.g. do we need a specific form which is signed by a planner or will an email response probably be sufficient? Please let me know what else you may need from me to make your determinations.

Thank you,
--Justin

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